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Encl: (1) Electronic Distribution of Doctrinal Publications
(2) Maintenance, Requisitioning, and Distribution of
Doctrinal Publications
(3) Current USMC Publications
(4) Publications Under Development
(5) Canceled Doctrinal Publications

1. Purpose. To provide the status of doctrinal publications within the Marine Corps Doctrinal Publications Program to include Service, multi-Service, joint, allied, and associated publications.

2. Information

a. Responsibilities and Relationships. Reference (a) designates the CG MCCDC as the Commandant's executive agent for the development, review, maintenance, and publication of Marine

Corps Service doctrine, and for Marine Corps participation in naval, joint, and combined doctrine development. Further, it assigns responsibilities and identifies relationships among the various Marine Corps organizations involved in the doctrine development process.

b. Doctrinal Proponency. Reference (b) provides guidance for the implementation of Marine Corps Doctrinal Proponency. Proponency entails the assignment of responsibility for the preparation, review, and periodic maintenance of a doctrinal publication by selected agencies from the Marine Corps supporting establishment. The proponency assignments are reviewed annually and updated in Marine Corps Bulletin 5603.

c. Publications Procurement. Publications can be obtained in either paper copy or electronic form. Enclosure (1) outlines the procedures for procuring electronic copies of available Marine Corps and other doctrinal publications. Enclosure (2) deals with publications controlled through the Marine Corps Publications Distribution System, and provides guidance and instructions on ordering and maintaining paper copy doctrinal publications.

d. Marine Corps Doctrinal Publications Architecture

(1) The Marine Corps publication hierarchy is comprised of the Marine Corps Service doctrinal publications, dual-designated publications and multi-Service designated publications.

(2) Marine Corps Service Doctrine. Marine Corps Service doctrine consists of publications created to describe the warfighting doctrine, tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) of the Marine Corps. Doctrine provides the fundamental principals by which our forces guide their actions in support of national objectives. TTP provide the detailed description of how our forces perform assigned tasks. The Marine Corps doctrinal publications designation and numbering method is established by reference (b). There are a few remaining publication designations of Fleet Marine Force Manuals (FMFM), Fleet Marine Force Reference Publications (FMFRP), and Operational Handbooks (OH) that are being phased out as publications are reviewed and rewritten. Marine Corps doctrinal publications published after

1 December 1995 are designated as one of the following:

(a) Marine Corps Doctrinal Publications (MCDP). MCDP's are higher order doctrine publications containing the fundamental and enduring beliefs of warfighting (*Capstone* publications - MCDP 1, 1-1, 1-2, and 1-3) and the guiding doctrine for the conduct of major warfighting activities (*Keystone* publications - MCDP 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6).

(b) Marine Corps Warfighting Publications (MCWP). MCWP's have a narrower focus detailing TTP used in the prosecution of war or other assigned tasks.

(c) Marine Corps Reference Publications (MCRP). MCRP's contain general reference material. The MCRP's are more specific/detailed than the MCWP's. MCRP's are given the same number as the parent MCWP with an alpha designator added to the number.

(3) Dual-Designated and Multi-Service Publications. Each military Service is authorized to use other Services' doctrinal publications and to effect necessary modifications to align each with their own mission, roles, and functions. These publications, identified as dual-designated or multi-Service publications, contain TTP to which two or more of the Services have subscribed. They are ratified by and bear the designation of each participating military Service. Dual-designated or multi-Service publications ratified by the Marine Corps are designated as MCWP's or MCRP's, as appropriate, and have the same authority and status as other Marine Corps Warfighting or Reference Publications.

(4) Naval Doctrine Publications. These publications provide the fundamental concepts that govern the employment of naval forces at all levels. They form the seamless fusion of Navy and Marine Corps doctrine and form the Naval characteristic of Joint operations. They are signed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps and the Chief of Naval Operations and are part of the Marine Corps hierarchy.

(5) Publication Status. The current MCDP's, MCWP's, and MCRP's are listed in enclosure (3). All current FMFM's, FMFRP's, and OH's listed remain in effect until superceded. Enclosure (4) lists publications currently under development. Enclosure (5) lists publications that have been canceled due to replacement, supersession, or obsolescence.

e. Other Doctrinal Publications

(1) Joint Publications. These are doctrinal manuals developed and promulgated as a distinct family of publications by the Joint Chiefs of Staff per references (c) and (d). Joint publications and Joint TTP's (JTTP) provide guidelines for the coordinated employment of forces of two or more Military Departments conducting a joint operation.

(2) Joint Munitions Effectiveness Manuals (JMEM). JMEM's provide in-depth descriptions of specific weapon system characteristics and effectiveness. JMEM's are reference documents detailing friendly weapon system capabilities and limitations, and are primarily used for weaponeering. JMEM's are designated as FMFRP's or MCRP's. Current JMEM publications are listed in the semiannual Joint Service Index for Specialized Technical Handbooks (JTTCG/ME publication 61JTTCG/ME-1-1).

(3) Ratified Allied Publications. Ratified allied publications contain doctrine and TTP to which North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) member nations have subscribed. When ratified by the United States, these publications are the senior doctrinal guide for forces conducting NATO operations. Additional information on these publications is contained in references (e), (f), and (g). Reference (h) provides information regarding standard NATO agreements.

f. Other Service Publications. The Army, Navy, and Air Force have produced a large number of publications detailing TTP's for the many aspects of warfighting. Though not Marine Corps doctrine, these publications provide a wealth of information, and can be referenced to supplement Marine Corps TTP. See enclosures (1) and (2) for information on how to find and order other service publications.

3. Action. This is a Marine Corps Total Force Bulletin and is effective upon receipt. Recommendations for new doctrinal publications or modifications to existing publications should be submitted to the CG MCCDC at the following address:

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4. Cancellation Contingency. This Bulletin is canceled upon receipt of the next Marine Corps Doctrinal Publications Status Bulletin.

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